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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA FAVORS RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RAPE AS
INSTRUMENT OF STATE POLICY

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On October 4, EconPoloff delivered reftel demarche to Elisabeth Riederer, MFA Director for International Gender Issues, requesting GoA support regarding the U.S.-sponsored UN resolution on Condemning the Use of Rape as an Instrument of State Policy. Riederer noted a general positive attitude from the GoA and EU towards the resolution. The GoA will only offer full support after reviewing the draft resolution, and shares the USG concern about the possible insertion of amendments which could prevent the USG from sponsoring or supporting the resolution, she said. Riederer promised to inform Embassy of any updates or decisions concerning the GoA's position on the issue.
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